

Chairman's Announcements – 23 May 2011

Digital Inclusion

Wiltshire Council's business plan for 2011-15 has prioritised a number of areas for investment, of which Digital Inclusion and supporting the rollout of superfast broadband for both business and home users is a key area. The Council has set the ambitious target of enabling 85% of all premises to be able to access superfast broadband (possibly 95% with additional funding) and for all premises able to receive standard broadband by 2015.

To help understand existing coverage and the requirements for the future, Wiltshire Council will be launching a superfast broadband survey for home and business users between 26 April and 3 June. This will allow people to say what types of services they can currently access over internet and how well their service performs. The survey will also ask about their views for getting superfast broadband in their community the future. This information will allow the Council to better understand the demand for this service and where it will need to prioritise investment.

The survey will have a link within it to an on-line speed checker so that you can check your current broadband speed, www.broadbandspeedchecker.co.uk

The council is keen to get as many responses as possible to help inform its rollout plans over the next 4 years.

The survey will be available on-line and also available as a printed document. Details are available from:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/digitalinclusion

Printed versions can be requested by calling and asking for the digital inclusion survey from the start date of the survey - 0300 456 0100

Results of the survey will be shared on the Council web site in July, via the same link.

Consultation on Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)

Wiltshire Council is updating its policy framework to ensure that future proposals for waste development in Wiltshire are for the right types of facilities in the right locations. Consultation will commence in June 2011 for 8 weeks on a draft Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD) (starting 13 June 2011 and closing at 5pm 5 August 2011).

The consultation document allocates a range of sites for a variety of potential waste uses to provide a flexible and responsive framework that will enable waste to be

driven up the waste hierarchy - i.e. reducing our dependence on landfill, with a greater focus on recycling and composting of waste. The majority of sites identified are on land currently in use by existing waste management facilities or current/proposed industrial areas (list of sites and map attached).

Once the consultation period has closed, the draft Sites DPD, the supporting evidence base and all comments received during the consultation will be submitted to the Secretary of State (following Full Council approval) for independent examination.

This DPD forms the final key document in the policy framework for the provision of waste sites within Wiltshire and Swindon, which includes:

Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Core Strategy (adopted July 2009)
 Wiltshire and Swindon Waste Development Control Policies Development Plan Document (adopted September 2009)

The draft Sites DPD will be available from the start of the consultation period (13 June 2011). The Council encourages anyone wishing to view and comment on the consultation document to use the council's consultation website:

<http://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/portal>

Hard copies of the documents will also be available for inspection at Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council main offices as well as all libraries throughout the County and Borough. For further information please contact the Minerals and Waste Policy Team at Wiltshire Council by telephone (01225 713429) or email: mineralsandwastepolicy@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Note

For minerals and waste matters, Wiltshire Council prepares its policy framework jointly with Swindon Borough Council.

Abbreviations

HRC	Household Recycling Centre	C	Composting
MRF/ WTS	Materials Recovery Facility/Waste Transfer Station	T	Waste Treatment, e.g. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) • Anaerobic Digestion (AD) • Energy from Waste (EfW)
IWR/T	Inert Waste Recycling and Transfer	L	Landfill
LR	Local Recycling		

Wiltshire and Swindon Proposed Submission Draft Waste Site Allocations DPD

Proposed Waste Site Allocations

Community area	Proposed waste site	Proposed waste use(s)
Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	Parkgate Farm, Purton	MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, T
	Purton Brickworks Employment Allocation, Purton	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Park Grounds Farm, Wootton Bassett	L (landraise extension), T
	Whitehills Industrial Estate, Wootton Bassett	MRF/WTS, LR
Malmesbury	Barnground, South Cerney	MRF/WTS, LR
Chippenham	Land East of HRC/WTS at Stanton St Quintin	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Land West of HRC/WTS Stanton St Quintin	MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, T
	Bumpers Farm Industrial Estate, Chippenham	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
Calne	Hills Resource Recovery Centre, Compton Bassett	T (excluding EfW)
	Porte Marsh Industrial Estate, Calne	MRF/WTS, LR
Corsham	Thingley Junction, Chippenham	MRF/WTS, LR
	Leafield Industrial Estate, Corsham	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
Marlborough	Salisbury Road Business Park, Marlborough	MRF/WTS, LR
Trowbridge	Canal Road Industrial Estate, Trowbridge	MRF/WTS, LR
	West Ashton Employment Allocation, Trowbridge	MRF/WTS, LR
Melksham	Hampton Business Park, Melksham	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Bowerhill Industrial Estate, Melksham	MRF/WTS, LR
Westbury	West Wilts Trading Estate, Westbury	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Northacre Trading Estate, Westbury	MRF/WTS, LR, T
	Lafarge Cement Works, Westbury	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, C, T (and associated L of residual waste from T process)
Devizes	Hopton Industrial Estate, Devizes	MRF/WTS, LR

	Nursteed Road Employment Allocation, Devizes	MRF/WTS, LR
	Wiltshire Waste, Tinkersfield Farm, Monument Hill, Devizes	T
Pewsey	Salisbury Road Business Park, Pewsey	MRF/WTS, LR
Tidworth	Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
	Everleigh Waste Management Facility, Everleigh	IWR/T, C
	Pickpit Hill, Tidworth	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, IWR/T, C
Amesbury	Solstice Business Park, Amesbury	MRF/WTS, LR
Warminster	Warminster Business Park, Warminster	MRF/WTS, LR
	Chitterne Waste Management Facility, Chitterne	MRF/WTS, LR IWR/T, C, T
Mere	Employment Allocation, Mere	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
Salisbury	Former Imerys Quarry, Quidhampton	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR, local scale T
Southern Wiltshire	CB Skip Hire, St Thomas Farm, Salisbury	LR, IWR/T, C
	Sarum Business Centre, Salisbury	MRF/WTS, LR
	Thorney Down WTS, Winterslow	C, IWR/T
	Salisbury Road Industrial Estate, Downton	HRC, MRF/WTS, LR
	Brickworth Quarry and Landfill, Whiteparish	IWR/T

Older People Accommodation Development Strategy

Overview

The Council has produced a 10 year development strategy, modelled across two timeline options, which will modernise the way that older people's accommodation is provided, develop and adopt an integrated accommodation system, ensure the best use of increasingly scarce resources and respond to local needs in local communities.

The capital cost of the proposed development programme, including extra care, nursing and specialist dementia care provision, is approximately £220m based on current prices. Under these proposals the Council does not anticipate funding developments directly and will be working to maximise investment from the private and voluntary sectors. An innovative joint procurement exercise with Devon County

Council is also being progressed in an attempt to reduce future Social Housing Grant requirements for extra care developments by accessing potential cross-subsidisation of schemes through the inclusion of Council owned land.

The proposed development strategy and service remodelling would enable the Council to realise a cost avoidance of approximately £600m over the next 25 years when compared to the “do nothing” option. This will assist the Council to offset the challenges of the forecast demographic change of older people and is achieved through a diversion of people from residential care to community support or specialist nursing or dementia care, which achieves an average saving per person of £44 per week.

Development Strategy

The facilities to be provided in each of the community areas as a result of this development strategy are contained in the table below:

Community Area	Description of Facilities
Amesbury	40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Bradford on Avon	80 bed nursing home 18 unit extra care scheme
Calne	60 unit extra care scheme
Chippenham	64 bed care home for people with dementia 60 unit extra care scheme
Corsham	80 bed nursing home 40 unit extra care scheme
Devizes	80 bed nursing home for people with dementia 45 unit extra care scheme
Malmesbury	50 unit extra care scheme
Marlborough	16 bed nursing extension for people with dementia 45 unit extra care scheme
Melksham	
Melksham (cont)	45 unit extra care scheme 60 bed nursing home (Semington) 12 unit extra care scheme (Semington)
Mere	45 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Old Sarum	80 bed nursing home 64 bed care home for people with dementia
Salisbury	50 unit extra care scheme 80 bed nursing home
Tidworth	40 unit extra care scheme to meet nursing needs
Tisbury	Virtual extra care scheme
Trowbridge	66 bed care home for people with dementia 40 unit extra care scheme
Warminster	80 bed nursing home
Westbury	40 unit extra care scheme
Wootton Bassett & Cricklade	64 bed care home for people with dementia 63 bed nursing home 45 unit extra care scheme 40 unit extra care scheme (Cricklade)

The delivery of these new developments would enable the existing not fit-for-purpose or outdated facilities to be replaced, whereby the current residents would be relocated to the new schemes and the existing homes closed.

The development strategy will be delivered through a variety of partnerships, contractual arrangements and funding opportunities. These include:

- A long-term partnering agreement with The Orders of St John Care Trust, who currently operate the Council's care homes for older people, which recognises the need for developments and / or significant refurbishments due to the ageing nature of the existing facilities.
- The Department of Health Private Finance Initiative through which the Council has been provisionally allocated £49.687m to deliver specialist dementia care and nursing facilities in the south and north of the county.
- An innovative Preferred Developer Partner Framework agreement which is being jointly procured with Devon County Council to facilitate the development of extra care housing with little or no requirement for public subsidy i.e. Social Housing Grant, due to the potential cross subsidisation of facilities through the inclusion of Council owned land.
- A review of the sheltered housing stock to assess the quality of accommodation and its ability to meet current and future needs. Facilities may be recommended for refurbishment to provide community extra care housing or to meet other Council priorities i.e. the provision of affordable general needs accommodation.
- Utilising private sector and Registered Social Landlord (RSL) initiatives which may reduce the requirement for Council led developments in particular community areas.

The Older People Accommodation Development Strategy was approved by the Council's Cabinet on 25th January 2011 and the full document is available on the Council's website.

Wiltshire Community Land Trust: Supporting community-led asset ownership and management

Intention

The intention is to raise awareness of the new Wiltshire Community Land Trust and its purpose. Wiltshire Community Land Trust is not-for-profit body dedicated to helping local communities and neighbourhoods in towns and villages in Wiltshire and Swindon meet vital local needs through the ownership and management of community assets. It was set up and is hosted by the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association, but acts independently from it.

Wiltshire Community Land Trust can assist local communities across Wiltshire and Swindon to set up local Community Land Trusts (CLTs) to bring forward sites for much needed local development such as affordable homes, local work units, services and facilities such as community shops and pubs, play and sports areas, allotments, orchards and nature reserves. Community Land Trusts offer a great

opportunity for local ownership and control over shaping a local community's future. CLTs genuinely empower local communities, where communities are part of the vision and solution for their local area. This approach chimes fully with the current government's drive towards localism.

Introduction to Wiltshire Community Land Trust

Wiltshire CLT is an umbrella body set up to promote the development of community ownership of sustainable assets in Wiltshire and Swindon through the vehicle of a CLT. Wiltshire CLT is overseen by a voluntary Board of Management chaired by Trevor Cherrett, former adviser to the Commission for Rural Communities and an expert on rural regeneration and development. The Board includes members drawn from the Wiltshire Rural Housing Association, Community First, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council. Manager Rose Seagrief, a community development practitioner, is on hand to work with local communities and organisations across Wiltshire and Swindon to help get projects off the ground.

Wiltshire Community Land Trust key aims are to:

- Work closely with communities, parish councils, local authorities, community area partnerships and boards to identify need and target action
- create delivery partnerships to deliver projects that meet locally identified needs
- provide a bespoke development service to local CLTs
- provide one-to-one support for community groups seeking to find land or other assets suitable for development and to deliver them through a CLT
- hold and steward assets on behalf of communities until they are ready to take them on themselves

What is a Community Land Trust (CLT)?

A CLT is a non-profit, community-based organisation run by volunteers that develops a variety of assets, but most often housing, at permanently affordable levels for long-term community benefit. The CLT holds the asset in trust for long-term for the benefit of the community it serves.

CLTs range in size, can be rural or urban and provide a variety of housing tenures as well as other community facilities, including workspaces, energy generation, community food and farming. They take a variety of legal forms, although a CLT is usually constituted as an Industrial and Provident Society or Company Limited by Guarantee, and may or may not have charitable status. CLTs are legally defined in the Housing and Regeneration Act 2008, Section 79.

There are a number of benefits to setting up and running a CLT:

- CLTs are locally driven, locally controlled and democratically accountable
- CLTs can create a supply of affordable housing (even in areas of very high house prices) and work space that meets local needs, and remains affordable
- CLTs, by retaining an equity share in each property, provide housing that is permanently affordable, benefitting many generations of residents
- CLTs give the community assets for the future, creating greater financial security, decreasing dependency on grants, and enabling long term future planning

CLTs promote:

- The retention and creation of jobs and people to do them, who contribute to the wider economy
- Greater social interaction and cohesion
- Confident individuals with transferable skills
- Stronger more sustainable communities

There are many active CLTs throughout the UK, delivering a wide range of asset-based projects to meet the needs of their communities.

If anyone would like to learn more about CLTs and what support is available from Wiltshire Community Land trust, please contact:

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